

A state that corresponds to the state illustrated in Figure 2 is illustrated in Figures 3 and 4 with regard to the associated chain strands 10, whereby the configuration of the chain strands 10 of Figure 3 corresponds to the arrangement in Figure 2, with angle brackets 14 disposed on one side. With the embodiment illustrated in Figure 4, the inner link members 11 and outer link members 12 of both chain strands 10 are each provided with angle brackets 14; the same is also true for the outer closure link member 20, so that after the terminal link segments 30 and 32 have been moved together, and the outer closure link member 20 has been inserted into the associated chain strand 10, the pertaining angle bracket 14 of the outer closure link member 20 is to be connected with the plate 15 disposed thereabove. Due to the preliminary fixation during the moving together of the terminal link segments 30 and 32, the subsequent connection of the outer closure link member ~~3020~~ with the pertaining plate 15, however, no longer represents a complicated or expensive assembly step.

On page <sup>9</sup>15, after line <sup>16</sup>7, please insert the following two new paragraphs:

--The specification incorporates by reference the disclosure of German priority document 10 2004 016 059.7 filed April 1, 2004 and PCT/EP2005/003015 filed March 22, 2005.

The present invention is, of course, in no way restricted to the specific disclosure of the specification and drawings, but also encompasses any modifications within the scope of the appended claims.—

In addition, please add the attached abstract to the specification:

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